The Maschhoffs Pork Production Scholarship

## Background

Many members of The Maschhoffs team were members of 4-H or FFA, including the company owners. Leaders within the company understand the value that programs like these bring in the development of future leaders. The Maschhoffs got involved with Team Purebred because they see an audience of youth with a common interest in the swine industry. Their hope has been to help nurture and inspire the passion for pork production through the experiences offered by Team Purebred. Their major contribution is the TML Scholarship. Through Team Purebred, The Maschhoffs have an avenue to interact with youth that have an interest in swine and as part of that interaction, they hope to provide exposure to the opportunities that exist throughout the industry and within their company. The Maschhoffs hope to show members that they can make a career centered around their passion, whether it is in swine production or as a support to production. Production support might involve working with genetics, research, accounting, human resources, nutrition, environmental, amongst many other possible career choices. Involvement with Team Purebred provides The Maschhoffs an opportunity to play a role in enhancing youth enthusiasm toward the industry, and hopefully provide opportunities for future careers.

## Scholarship Application Process

Up to **two** $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the winners of The Maschhoffs Scholarship. All winners will receive $1,000 and must complete a three-day externship with The Maschhoffs, at their headquarters in Carlyle, Illinois. All travel, meals and housing expenses will be paid by The Maschhoffs.

Applicants must fill out the scholarship application and complete four questions with a 300-word maximum essay. The questions must be double-spaced and typed. Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation from a non-related industry professional, 4-H leader, FFA advisor or school teacher. Letters should be one page in length and can be a common letter sent for other scholarship applications.

## Scholarship Guidelines

* Scholarship applicants must be members of the Team Purebred. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and enrolled in or will be enrolled in an agricultural program at a recognized college/university. Ages are as of January 1st of the award year.
* **This scholarship is focused around leadership and participation in the swine industry outside of the show ring. Take this time to reflect and highlight the ways you have been a leader within the swine industry.**
* A judging committee will be organized consisting of TML members, Team Purebred Staff members and a previous recipient of the scholarship.
* The judging committee will meet before the summer event and will determine the finalists that will move on to the interview process.
* There will be an interview process that will take prior to Team Purebred National Junior Show. Answers will be judged on overall thought process and merit.
* The scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized at the summer event. A short bio will be listed about each scholarship recipient in the next available issue of the magazine.
* The winners must complete the three day externship with The Maschhoffs or forfeit their scholarship.
* **Team Purebred** **members may only win one scholarship from The Maschhoffs.**

The Maschhoffs Pork Production Scholarship Checklist

Your scholarship application is considered complete when you submit each of the following (please check the line if material is enclosed):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship application—signed and dated.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Two (one-page) letters of recommendation from a non-related industry professional, school teacher, 4-H leader or FFA advisor.

**Enclose this checklist form with application.**

The completed application, including the necessary signatures, must be postmarked or sent to no later than April 1, 2024 emailed to:

Team Purebred Information

teampurebred@teampurebred.com

Phone number with any questions: 319.329.3700

**NOTE:**

You are encouraged to enclose all of the required scholarship material in one email and forward to the Team Purebred email above. If you would like to send application by mail, please make sure to have it postmarked by April 1, 2024 to the address of 6622 23rd Ave Vinton IA 52349.

If material is sent separately, it will be the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the appropriate individuals or institutions have forwarded the required material.

**The Team Purebred office will not contact applicants if a portion of their required material has not been received.**

The Maschhoffs Pork Production Scholarship Application

Name

Date of Birth Phone Number

Home Address

City State Zip Code

College Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail Address

**EDUCATION**

Name of Current School

Name of anticipated College (if not currently attending) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College Major or Course of Study

Grade in School Graduation Date

**DESCRIBE BELOW YOUR FUTURE CAREER GOALS WITHIN THE SWINE INDUSTRY:**

**LEADERSHIP WITHIN TEAM PUREBRED, 4-H, OR OTHER INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS**

**Describe any recognition you have received in Team Purebred, 4-H or other industry organizations.**

***Please DO NOT include placings at shows, only participation, leadership or scholarship recognition.***

**Describe any experiences you have had in production agriculture outside of your own swine project.**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Describe your involvement in school organizations.**

**Describe your involvement in church, civic groups and community service groups.**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS:**

*(Double-spaced, 300-word maximum)*

1. **Describe what you have done to improve your career options by broadening your skill set.**
2. **Write about one of the most novel ideas you came up with and how you put it to use.**
3. **Tell us about a time when you had to keep others informed to assure a project or process was completed on time and at a high-level at school or work.**
4. **Describe a time that you established a plan and set up measurements or metrics to determine the success or failure of the plan.**

**We have examined this application and find the records to be truthful, complete and accurate. We hereby permit for publicity purposes the use of any information included in the application with the exception of the following:**

Applicant’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

Applications Due April 1, 2024 Please email to Chelsea Grieder at teampurebred@teampurebred.com, if you have any issues call 319.329.3700.